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Subject: Surface Storage Problems

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### Shortage

The over estimation of snow pack often times causes shortages of water when early releases have been excessive.

### Flooding:

The under one word estimation of snow pack often times causes flooding with not enough early releases for snow melt storage capacity.

### Problem Solving:

Why not store flood waters where you don't have snow melt. Thus the problem could be solved if it were stored on the west side of Fresno, County in Panoche Creek area.

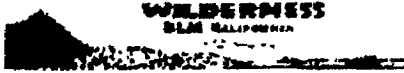
### Multi-Use

Water for Westlands District, banking Southern California, Northern portion Central Valley region, Delta Sea intrusion, bromide problem, water for fisheries in the San Joaquin River.

### Multi-Benefit

Water Quality Control, Grasslands by Pass, Sedimentation Control, San Joaquin River, no drafting of out of project water, less land subsidence, less clearing & snagging SAN JOAQUIN RIVER less levy setbacks, and more control flooding in lower San Joaquin River. Less water to Southern California AG water banking, more water from Millerton Lake to Mendota Pool for Salmon in the upper San Joaquin River.

Please note location map enclosed, how this can be done.



## Panoche Hills South WSA

### Map of Panoche Hills South WSA

**SIZE:** 11,267 acres

**LOCATION:** Fresno County; The unit is bounded on the west by the Panoche Access Road, on the north by a livestock management road and on the south and east by non- public lands.

**DESCRIPTION:** This WSA is characterized by very steep rugged terrain, accentuated by intermittent creeks. Elevations vary from approximately 800-2,600 feet above sea level. Vegetation within the area is primarily annual grasses, interspersed with some shrubs such as Mormon tea.

**ACCESS:** Access available of Little Panoche Road or Panoche Road, from I-5 or Highway 25.

### **MAPS:**

- Panoche Hills Visitor Map
- USGS 7.5 Quadrangel Maps:
  - Panoche Hills
  - Mercy Hot Springs
  - Chounet Ranch
  - Tumey Hills

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I've attached some pages I found on the Internet regarding Wilderness Study Areas and Panoche Hills North and South.

I think the key is that Congress has apparently not acted on the recommendations of BLM to date, which means Congress could very easily, in authorizing a dam at Panoche/Silver Creek, choose to ignore BLM's recommendation to set this land aside for wilderness protection. In other words, there's nothing to stop CalFed from proposing the dam and nothing to stop Congress from authorizing the dam just because it's proposed as a Wilderness Study Area.

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